

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 631

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to commend Guy Randall Jones, Executive Director of the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference for his honorable and astute service to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable public servants who have served with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in public service; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Guy Randall Jones, who has evinced the greatest integrity and probity as executive director of the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference and throughout his more than three decades of service to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Middle Tennessee State University, Guy Jones began his career in state government in 1989 in the executive branch with the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration during the administration of Governor Ned Ray McWherter; and

WHEREAS, from 1990 through 1993, Mr. Jones worked in various capacities, assisting in Governor McWherter's Legislative Liaison Office and the State Planning Office and serving as an assistant to the Senior Policy Advisor, and

WHEREAS, after his graduation from the Nashville School of Law, he worked for the General Assembly as an analyst for the House Judiciary Committee and oversaw the training of the first group of research analysts and the establishment of the House Research Division; and

WHEREAS, after passing the bar exam, Mr. Jones became the legislative liaison for the Administrative Office of the Courts, working at the direction of Chief Justice Adolpho A. Birch, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, at the behest of the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference's Executive Director Patrick H. McCutchen, he joined the Conference as Deputy Director; and

WHEREAS, during his time as Deputy Director, Guy Jones managed legislative approval of Conference initiatives to strengthen reporting and punishment of child abuse and child sexual abuse, bring greater protection for domestic violence victims, and enhance protection for elderly and vulnerable adults; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, when Tennessee was plagued with an unprecedented rise in the use of methamphetamine, Mr. Jones spearheaded the development and implementation of the District Attorneys Conference's nationally recognized "Meth Destroys" initiative to warn the public, parents, and students of the deadly effects of meth; and

WHEREAS, when Tennessee district attorneys recognized the need to warn students about the ramifications of teenage pregnancy and the dangers of prescription drug abuse, Mr. Jones led the educational efforts "What's the Rush?" and "Deceptive Danger"; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Guy Jones was elected Executive Director of the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference and has, during his service to the Conference, served eighty-two elected District Attorneys General and is the recipient of the District Attorneys' highest honor, the Patrick H. McCutchen Award; and

WHEREAS, most notably, Mr. Jones's exemplary service to the State of Tennessee makes him eligible for prominent inclusion, and his own chapter, in the "DA Book of Lore"; and

WHEREAS, Guy Jones is a native of Sumner County, and as a young man, at the age of twenty-four, he displayed a deep devotion to his community by serving for eight years on the Sumner County Commission, where he chaired the Sumner County Highway Commission for five years; and

WHEREAS, he is an active member of First Baptist Gallatin, participating in numerous international mission trips and serving as a deacon and treasurer and a member of the Campus Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones developed a deep and abiding affection for agriculture from growing up and working on a dairy farm in Gallatin, where he spent countless days in the hay fields and pastures and continues to manage his beef cattle farm; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones is grateful for the love and support of his family and particularly the grace and tolerance of his wife, Leigh Ann, and his daughter, Mary Hannah; and

WHEREAS, Guy Jones exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristics of a true Tennessean, and he is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Guy Randall Jones on his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee for over three decades and extend our best wishes in his next endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.